

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A control panel assembly for a washing machine, comprising:

a board having a switch and parts mounted thereon;

a control panel installed at one side of a cabinet of the washing machine, wherein the control panel covers and protects the board; to cover the board to protect; and

a display plate mounted on the control panel; and

a knob connected to the switch to penetrate the control panel wherein a rear end of the knob partially contacts ~~is partially contacted with~~ a backside of the display plate control panel.

2. (Currently Amended) The control panel assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein a top of the rear end of the knob is brought into line-contact with the backside of the display plate control panel.

3. (Original) The control panel assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein a rear end surface of the knob and the backside of the control panel are arranged to differ in angles.

4. (Currently Amended) The control panel assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the knob comprises a flange extending from a circumference of a rear end thereof, and wherein the flange makes to be partially brought line-contact with the backside of the display plate control panel.

5. (Original) The control panel assembly as claimed in claim 4, wherein a front side of the flange and the backside of the control panel are arranged to differ in angles.

6. (Currently Amended) The control panel assembly as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a support provided between the board and the knob, wherein the support holds to support the knob at a slant with respect to the backside of the control panel.

7. (Currently Amended) The control panel assembly as claimed in claim 6, wherein the knob comprises a flange extending from a circumference of a rear end ~~to be supported by the support and to be partially brought~~ thereof, and wherein the flange makes line-contact with the backside of the display plate control panel.

8. (Currently Amended) The control panel assembly as claimed in claim 6, wherein the support makes one side of the rear end of the knob adhere closely to the backside of the display plate control panel and wherein the other side of the rear end of the knob is separated from the backside of the control panel ~~to support the knob~~.

9. (Original) The control panel assembly as claimed in claim 6, wherein the support encloses the switch.

10. (Currently Amended) The control panel assembly as claimed in claim 6, wherein the support comprises a first face extending inward from an inner circumference of the support to support the rear end of the knob at a slant with respect to the backside of the control panel.

11. (Original) The control panel assembly as claimed in claim 6, wherein the support comprises a cut-away portion provided at one side of the support to reduce a contact area between the rear end of the knob and the support.

12. (Currently Amended) A control panel assembly of a washing machine, comprising:
a board having a switch and parts mounted thereon;
a control panel installed at one side of a cabinet of the washing machine, wherein the control panel covers and protects the board ~~to cover the board to protect~~, the control panel having an opening;

a display plate mounted at ~~provided to~~ the opening, ~~to have~~ wherein a hole is formed at a center of the display plate; and

a knob connected to the switch to penetrate the ~~hole~~ opening of the control panel wherein a rear end of the knob partially contacts ~~is partially contacted with~~ a backside of the display plate control panel.

13. (Currently Amended) The control panel assembly as claimed in claim 12, wherein a top of the rear end of the knob is brought into line-contact with the backside of the display plate control panel.

14. (Original) The control panel assembly as claimed in claim 12, wherein a rear end surface of the knob and the backside of the control panel are arranged to differ in angles.

15. (Currently Amended) The control panel assembly as claimed in claim 12, wherein the knob comprises a flange extending from a circumference of a rear end thereof, and wherein the flange makes to be partially brought line-contact with the backside of the display plate control panel.

16. (Original) The control panel assembly as claimed in claim 15, wherein a front side of the flange and the backside of the control panel are arranged to differ in angles.

17. (Currently Amended) The control panel assembly as claimed in claim 12, further comprising a support provided between the board and the knob to support the knob at a slant with respect to the backside of the control panel.

18. (Currently Amended) The control panel assembly as claimed in claim 17, wherein the knob comprises a flange extending from a circumference of a rear end thereof, wherein the knob is to be supported by the support and wherein the flange makes to be partially brought line-contact with the backside of the display plate control panel.

19. (Currently Amended) The control panel assembly as claimed in claim 17, wherein the support makes one side of the rear end of the knob adhere closely to the backside of the display plate, and control panel and the other side of the rear end of the knob is separated from the backside of the control panel to support the knob.

20. (Original) The control panel assembly as claimed in claim 17, wherein the support encloses the switch.

21. (Currently Amended) The control panel assembly as claimed in claim 17, wherein the support comprises a first face extending inward from an inner circumference of the support to support the rear end of the knob at a slant with respect to the backside of the control panel.

22. (Original) The control panel assembly as claimed in claim 17, wherein the support comprises a cut-away portion provided at one side of the support to reduce a contact area between the rear end of the knob and the support.

23. (Currently Amended) The control panel assembly as claimed in claim 17, further comprising:

a light-emitting member provided on [[to]] the board; and
at least one aperture provided in [[to]] the support to transmit light emitted from the light-emitting member.

24. (Currently Amended) A washing machine comprising:

a cabinet;

a tub in the cabinet;

a drum rotatably installed in the tub;

a control panel assembly, comprising:

a board having a switch and parts mounted thereon;

a control panel installed at one side of a cabinet of the washing machine

wherein the control panel covers and protects the board ~~to cover the board to~~

~~protect; and~~

a display plate mounted on the control panel; and

a knob connected to the switch to penetrate the control panel wherein a rear end of the knob partially contacts ~~is partially contacted with~~ a backside of the display plate control panel.

25. (Currently Amended) The washing machine as claimed in claim 24, further comprising a support provided between the board and the knob to support the knob at a slant with respect to the backside of the control panel.

26. (Currently Amended) A control panel assembly of a washing machine, comprising:
a board having a switch and parts mounted thereon;
a control panel installed at one side of a cabinet of the washing machine wherein the control panel covers and protects the board ~~to cover the board to protect~~, the control panel having an opening;

a display plate provided ~~to~~ on the control panel at the opening to have and having a hole at a center of the display plate; and

a knob connected to the switch to penetrate the ~~hole~~ opening of the control panel, wherein a rear end of the knob partially contacts ~~is partially contacted with~~ a backside of the display plate control panel.

27. (Currently Amended) The control panel assembly as claimed in claim 26, further comprising a support provided between the board and the knob to support the knob at a slant with respect to the backside of the control panel.